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HUNDREDS OF GIRLS SEEK LODGING IN BIG DORMITORIES

NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED INDICATES A VERY LARGE ATTENDANCE

LITTLE ROOM TO SPARE

Many Will Be Forced to Seek Quarters in Nearby Boarding Houses.

SEVERAL FACULTY CHANGES OCCUR

Formal Opening Takes Place Tuesday, and Lessons Begin on Thursday.

Preparations are complete for the opening of the thirty-second annual session of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College which occurs Tuesday, and President Whitfield is exceedingly sanguine regarding the outlook for the new year. An unusually large number of applications have been received from prospective students, and the attendance promises to be so large that additional dormitory room is imperative. On this account many teachers who have heretofore occupied apartments in the dormitories will be forced to seek quarters elsewhere. One instructor will be retained on each floor of every building occupied by the young ladies as sleeping quarters, but the remaining members of the faculty will be required to seek lodgings in the numerous boarding houses which surround the college campus.

Several resignations have recently been tendered, and the new session will witness a number of changes in the faculty. Miss Ella Lou Terry has been engaged to succeed Miss Fessie Newsome, who for the past two years has been an instructor in the department of English. Miss Newsome has obtained a leave of absence for one year and will spend the coming winter with relatives in Washington. Miss Terry has been a member of the faculty of the local public schools for several years past and is in every way competent to fill the position for which she has been elected. Another resignation in the English department is that of Miss Bessie Huddleston, who is to be succeeded by Miss Mary Calloway of Pontotoc. Miss Calloway is an alumnae of the local institution, and her presence will add materially to the efficiency of the English department. Miss Bessie Heath, who has for the past year been taking a post-graduate course at Columbia University, resumes her position as an assistant in history. During Miss Heath's absence her duties were acceptably performed by Miss Lottie Howard, of this city. Miss Helen Hutchcraft, who for several years has been secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, of the College, has tendered her resignation to accept a similar position at Oberlin University, Oberlin, Ohio. Miss Hutchcraft's successor has not yet been selected, but the Y. W. C. A. forms an important factor in the lives of college students, and an experienced and thoroughly competent secretary will be secured. There have been two resignations in the athletic department. Misses Mary Roudesh and Edna Wiswell have accepted positions elsewhere. Miss Roudesh goes to the Peabody Normal in Nashville, while Miss Wiswell will be assistant directress of athletics in the State Normal College in Kansas. These ladies will be succeeded by Miss Dick Fitzgerald, of Crenshaw, and Miss Grace Massengale, of Hattiesburg, both of whom are graduates of the local institution. Miss Emma Ody Phol was offered the place of directress of the athletic department of the Peabody Normal in Nashville, and while the position carries a much larger salary than that received here, she decided not to accept the offer.

While the formal opening of the college does not occur until Tuesday, students have already begun to arrive, and it is expected that within the next few days the dormitories will be filled to capacity. Tuesday and Wednesday will be devoted to the examination and classification of students, and the hearing of classes will commence Thursday.

BRITISH TROOPS BREAK INTO GERMAN THIRD LINE TRENCH

FAMOUS THIEPVAL COMBLES FRONT TORN TO PIECES BY THE ENEMY.

London, Sept. 16.—The now famous German salient line Thiepval-Combles is no longer. The British tore it wide open today. In a 12-hour battle on the 8-mile front from Thiepval to Ginchy, in the face of 1,200 of the Kaiser's most powerful guns—150 to a mile—they stormed, pierced, shattered and then occurred that stretch of the German front north of the Somme which hitherto had acted as a defiant block to their advance on Combes and Bapaume. The barrier broken down, Sir Douglas Haig's troops pushed considerable beyond it to the northeast, carrying the menace of the Somme drive almost as ominously close to Bapaume as it is to Combes and Peronne.

The end of the fighting tonight saw the British in possession of practically all the high ground between Combes and the Albert-Pozieres-Bapaume highway. Three villages, Flers, Martinpuich and Courcellette and high wood were completely captured, as was the greater part of Bouleaux wood. The powerful German redoubt called "Wonderwerk" (wonder work), because of its supposed impenetrability, was taken by storm in the turning of the salient's tip near Thiepval.

More than 2,300 prisoners were taken, including 65 officers. All this was achieved within a few hours after the German war office, in its regular daily statement early this morning, announced:

"An advance by considerable British forces to recapture by an encircling movement our salient line south of Thiepval met with failure."

The day was the most successful for the British since the initial phase of the Somme battle. For three days their infantry had enjoyed comparative rest, while the artillery paved the way for today's new crush.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

Approximately 100,000 Mexican laborers entered the United States through Texas ports of entry during the fiscal year ending June 30, according to reports of border immigration officials recently made public.

Every loyal Mississippian was delighted to see that the Centennial Exposition had received national endorsement by act of Congress in ordering the immense government exhibits at San Francisco and San Diego transferred to Gulfport and appropriating \$75,000 for housing and caring for them. This act gave our exhibition the stamp of national approval. This tremendous exhibit covers a great range of subjects and is so highly educational in character that it might well be considered an exposition in itself well worthy of traveling many miles to visit. A building with not less than 30,000 feet of floor space will be required to accommodate it and a solid train will be necessary for transportation. The balloon Greater Philadelphia, which left Philadelphia last Tuesday with three passengers, in a long distance flight to surpass the State record of 385 miles in twelve and one-half hours, descended at Woonsocket, R. I., Wednesday, according to a dispatch from Charles Y. Cully, one of the passengers. The balloon was in the air 20 hours and 15 minutes, and covered a distance of about 250 miles.

Charles W. Morse, head of the recently organized United States Steamship Company, has been sued for \$100,000 in the supreme court in New York, by Max C. Baum, a real estate dealer, who alleges he performed certain services which aided Morse in obtaining his release from the federal prison at Atlanta in January, 1912.

Mr. Charley Verner, a prominent citizen of Monroe County, was a visitor to the city Friday afternoon.

CONSUMPTION OF COTTON INCREASES

FEDERAL REPORT SHOWS AMERICAN SPINNERS KEEPING BUSY.

GOOD WEATHER LOWERS PRICES

Market Declines When Predicted Frost Fails to Materialize.

The past two days brought small declines in the cotton market, the recession in prices having been due largely to the fact that the predicted frost in the northern portion of the belt failed to materialize. The market on Friday closed from 4 to 6 points lower than on the previous day, while yesterday's session brought a further decline of from 8 to 12 points.

At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 15.56; December futures in New York at 15.53; New Orleans spots at 15.13, and December futures in New Orleans at 15.28. In the local market good middling was quoted at 14.80.

The census bureau on Thursday issued a report regarding the consumption for the year ending July 31, but the report, which follows, had little effect upon the market:

"Cotton used during August amounted to 558,717 running bales exclusive of linters and for the year ending July 31, 6,397,613 bales. In August a year ago, 464,392 bales were used and during the year ending August 31, 1915, the quantity was 5,597,362 bales.

"Cotton on hand on August 31 in consuming establishments was 1,359,380 bales, compared with 1,165,861 a year ago, and in public storage and at compresses 969,304 bales, compared with 382,286 a year ago.

"Imports during August were 7,843 bales compared with 18,990 a year ago; and for the 12 months 437,572 bales compared with 382,286 a year ago.

"Exports during August were 419,170 bales, compared with 162,059 a year ago, and for the twelve months 6,191,110 bales, compared with 8,544,563 the previous year.

"Linters on hand August 31 in consuming establishments amounted to 89,234 bales, compared with 165,872 a year ago, and in public storage for the 12 months 195,448 bales compared with 70,900 a year ago.

"Linters exported during August were 41,790 bales, against or compared with 11,736 a year ago, and for the 12 months 195,448 bales compared with 221,875 the previous year."

A bill giving to widows of officers or enlisted men who served in the Civil or Mexican wars or the war of 1812, and who have reached the age of 70 years, pensions of from \$15 to \$20 a month, was passed by the recent Congress. Widows of Civil war soldiers dropped because of marriage to another person are restored to the roll by the bill.

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NEWLY REMODELED PRINCESS THEATRE OPENS MONDAY

NORMA TALMAGE IN "GOING STRAIGHT" WILL BE THE INITIAL ATTRACTION.

The newly remodeled Princess Theatre will open its doors Monday night, and the audience which assembles therein will see one of the comeliest, coziest and most comfortable photoplay houses in the South. The entire structure has been remodeled, the improvements including a new front, a tiled lobby, ventilating and heating systems and a handsomely redecorated interior the decorations being unusually artistic and attractive.

Manager Kykendall has selected as his opening attraction a virile and gripping drama, "Going Straight" with the talented actress, Norma Talmage, in the leading role. Miss Talmage is a local favorite, and she has not appeared here recently.

HAY GROWERS TO MEET IN MERIDIAN

TO AMALGAMATE THERE TUESDAY TO COMPLETE AN ORGANIZATION.

DIRECTORS ARE TO BE ELECTED

Matter of Selecting City for Headquarters Will Also be Discussed.

Columbus and Lowndes County will be well represented at the meeting of hay growers of Mississippi and Alabama, which is to be held at the rooms of the Meridian Board of Trade in Meridian at 3 o'clock next Tuesday afternoon. Business of vast importance is to be transacted at this meeting, and, realizing the fact that the county should be well represented, the local Chamber of Commerce has sent letters to growers throughout the territory contiguous to this city urging them to attend.

The object of the association is to protect the interests of hay growers throughout Mississippi and Alabama, to see that their products are properly graded, that they receive fair prices for same and to take other steps towards placing the industry on a business-like basis.

Organization has as yet been only partially completed, and among the important steps to be taken at the meeting in Meridian Tuesday will be the election of a board of directors and the selection of an official name for the association. Two names, the Alabama-Mississippi Hay Growers' Association, and the Southern Hay Growers' Association, have been suggested, and it is probable that one of these will be selected. Another important matter to be decided upon is the selection of a city wherein the association will maintain its headquarters. Meridian, Birmingham and Columbus all seek this honor, and the matter will come up for discussion at Tuesday's meeting.

Lowndes County is rapidly advancing in importance as a hay-producing section, and local growers are evincing a great deal of interest in the new organization.

PRESIDENT'S SISTER DIES AT NEW LONDON

New London, Conn., Sept. 16.—Mrs. Anne E. Howe, sister of President Wilson, died in a local hospital here Saturday morning following a week's illness with peritonitis.

Mrs. Howe came here from Philadelphia, her home, early in the summer, accompanied by her niece, Miss Margaret Wilson, who was with her when death came.

Also present at the death of Mrs. Howe were her two sons, George Howe of North Carolina, Wilson Howe, of Richmond, Va., and her daughter, Mrs. Cothran, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Howe suffered a severe sinking spell at dawn and sank rapidly. Mrs. Howe was unconscious most of the time as the end approached, but at intervals was able to recognize members of the family at the bedside.

President Wilson was immediately notified of the death of Mrs. Howe. The body will be taken to Columbus, S. C., for burial.

Mrs. Howe was born at Hampden-Sydney College, Va., and was educated in that state at the Augusta County Female Seminary.

President Will Attend Funeral

Long Branch, N. J. Sept. 16.—President Wilson was informed of the death of his sister, Mrs. Howe at New London, Conn., Saturday morning.

The President plans to go to the funeral, which will be at Columbus, S. C., where Mrs. Howe will be buried near her husband and other relatives.

Joseph Wilson, of Baltimore, a brother of the President, will also attend the funeral at Columbus.

her numerous admirers will undoubtedly extend her a most cordial welcome. She is supported by Ralph Lewis and Gene Palette, and a finished production is promised.

The first performance will begin at 7:30 p. m., while the second starts at 9 o'clock, and large audiences are expected.

A. D. WHITFIELD KILLED BY TRAIN

A WELL KNOWN CITIZEN MEETS DEATH WHILE OUT FOR STROLL.

WAS A VETERAN OF CIVIL WAR

Didn't Hear or See Approaching Train, and Was Run Down on Trestle.

Mr. A. D. Whitfield, age 75, Confederate veteran and member of a prominent family, was run over and instantly killed by west bound passenger train No. 104 on the Montgomery division of the Mobile and Ohio railroad about 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon, the tragedy having occurred on a trestle in the southeastern suburbs of the city.

Mr. Whitfield, whose vision and hearing had both been impaired by the ravages of time, was taking an afternoon stroll, and did not either see or hear the approaching train. He was, however, visualized by John Sloan, not knowing of Mr. Whitfield's infirmities, thought that he heard the train coming and was preparing to get out of the way. He did step to one side, but hesitated to jump into the small creek which the trestle spans, and the oncoming train was soon upon him, having knocked him off the track and into the tiny stream.

The train was brought to a standstill as quickly as possible, and Conductor Paul O'Conner, who ran back to the scene of the accident, found the dead body of the unfortunate man lying upon the bank of the creek, with his feet and legs stretching out into its waters. Several bones were broken and there were numerous bruises about the head and shoulders.

Deceased is survived by his widow, a brother, L. J. Whitfield, and numerous other further removed relatives.

Mr. Whitfield was one of the oldest native-born citizens of Columbus. His entire life, with the exception of the four years which he devoted to the defense of the South, had been spent in this city, where he was universally esteemed and respected. At the outbreak of the Civil war he went out as a member of the Sixth Mississippi Cavalry, and served gallantly throughout the conflict. At the close of hostilities he returned to Columbus, and for a long time was engaged in the grocery business here, having been a member of the old firm of Brooks, Whitfield & Crose. Many years ago, however, his health began to fail, and for nearly a decade he had led a quiet and secluded life, having seldom gone out except for an afternoon stroll similar to the one which ended in his untimely death.

The funeral was held at the family home, No. 520 South Fifth avenue, at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, having been conducted by Dr. J. L. Viperman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and interment at Friendship cemetery followed. Col. F. M. Leigh, Messrs. Parker Reeves, J. R. Richards, W. N. Puckett, G. D. Harris and E. E. Richards officiated as pall bearers, while the flower committee consisted of Mrs. C. L. Callaway, Misses Augusta Sykes, Anna Terrell Hamilton and Bessie Buder.

TOT MISTAKES STRYCHNINE FOR CANDY, DEATH ENSUES

INFANT SON OF MR. AND MRS. NORTHCUT SWALLOWS LETHAL DOSE.

Felix Hunnicutt, Jr., the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Hunnicutt, who reside at Steens, met an untimely fate Thursday night as the result of having surreptitiously swallowed several strychnine tablets.

Mrs. Hunnicutt had been using the drug in moderate quantities as a stimulant during a recent illness and had left the bottle containing the poison in reach of the little fellow, who probably mistook the tablets for candy and swallowed several of them, death having soon followed.

Mr. J. T. Quayle, of Cleveland, Ohio, is spending the week end here with friends. Mr. Quayle will be a student the coming session at the A. & M. College.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN MONDAY

EVERYTHING IS IN READINESS FOR SESSION OF 1916-17 TO START.

PROSPEROUS YEAR IN ANTICIPATION

Several Teachers Have Resigned, But Successors Have Been Secured.

Monday will witness the opening of the public schools of the city, and Prof. W. V. Frierson, the efficient superintendent, looks forward to a large attendance and to an unusually prosperous session.

Since the election of teachers was held last spring several resignations have been handed in, and the opening of the session Monday will find several new faces in the faculty. Miss Beulah Buckley, of Winona, has been elected to succeed Miss Ella Lou Terry, who resigned to accept a position in the English department at the Industrial Institute and College; Prof. W. T. Moore, of Jackson, succeeds Mrs. Arthur Martin, who was formerly Miss Miriam Sykes, as teacher of Latin, in the high school; Miss Belle Lanier, of Brooksville, succeeds Mrs. Fannie Barham Hopkins, at Franklin Academy, and Miss Bessie Weaver, of this city, succeeds Mrs. Laura Kennewell Hays in the fifth grade at Barrow Memorial school.

The opening of the schools will be attended by informal exercises which will be held at Franklin Academy at 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Small Fire Friday.

The home of Mr. W. O. Peck, on Military street, was slightly damaged by fire at 9 o'clock Friday morning, the loss, which was covered by insurance, having amounted to about \$15. The flames are supposed to have originated by sparks from a chimney. The firemen did quick work in extinguishing the blaze.

SYMPATHETIC STRIKE WILL AFFECT 70,000 NEW YORKERS

MUNITION PLANTS AND MORGAN INTERESTS EXPECTED TO SUFFER.

New York, Sept. 16.—A decision of the question of a sympathetic strike of 70,000 workers in trades closely affiliated with the operation of New York's traction lines was expected late tonight. A referendum has been in progress among many of the crafts for several days, and if the sympathetic strike is authorized union leaders predict it will be the most effective blow that could be dealt in the carmen's strike that has been in progress since Sept. 6 on the elevated, subway and surface transportation lines of the city.

The trades in which the referendum has been in progress, it is said include longshoremen, teamsters, power house employees, stationary engineers and firemen and machinists. Figures were available tonight only from the machinists, and it was said their vote showed about 70 percent in favor of a sympathetic strike. Union leaders attach much importance to the action of the machinists, most of whom are employed in plants manufacturing munitions of war for the entente allies, and say a strike in that trade would be a direct blow at the Morgan interests, the largest holders of stock in the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. J. P. Morgan & Company are fiscal agents of the British government in this country.

Several persons were injured, none seriously, in two traction accidents tonight. A rear-end collision between two trains on the Third avenue elevated line, near the Fifty-ninth street station, injured many passengers.

The very latest in Striped Silk for skirts. Ask to see them at LIPSEY & CHAPSKY'S.

Mrs. F. M. Thompson leaves tomorrow for a visit to friends in Springfield, Mo.

VETERANS' SONS ORGANIZE CAMP

YOUNG MEN LISTEN TO A PATRIOTIC ADDRESS BY GEN. FORREST.

TO MEET AGAIN TO-MORROW NIGHT

Important Business Will Be Transacted at This Meeting—Big Attendance Urged.

Following a patriotic and exceedingly able address by Gen. N. B. Forrest, of Biloxi, adjutant-general of the Mississippi division, Sons of Confederate Veterans, a local camp of that organization was formed at a meeting held at the city hall Thursday night. Prof. Dabney Lipscomb, a member of the faculty of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, was presiding officer, and Mr. George O. Senter, editor of the Commercial, officiated as secretary.

There was some difference of opinion as to whether permanent organization should be effected at the meeting Thursday night, but Gen. Forrest, who has had a great deal of experience in organizing camps throughout Mississippi, advised the meeting against further delay, taking the position that the time between now and November, when the Confederate Veterans of Mississippi will hold their annual reunion here, is short and that the formation of the local camp should no longer be delayed. Accepting this advice, those present proceeded to organize. Major B. A. Lincoln, the efficient and popular chancery clerk of Lowndes County, was unanimously elected commander, while Mr. V. B. Imes, business manager of the Columbus Dispatch, was similarly named as adjutant. It will be impossible, however, for Mr. Imes, who is now ill to at once assume his duties, and as an immediate canvas for members was necessary it was decided to name Prof. Lipscomb as temporary adjutant. Gen. Forrest remained over here Friday and accompanied Prof. Lipscomb and Maj. Lincoln on a canvas for members, which embraced practically the entire city, and a canvas of the whole county will later be made.

The newly organized camp will hold an important meeting at the city hall at 7:30 o'clock next Monday night, and it is hoped that a large crowd will be in attendance.

The address delivered by General Forrest was forceful and logical, having been especially interesting to both Confederate veterans and their sons. He stated, among other things, that Beauvoir, the home for indigent veterans near Biloxi, which was formerly owned by Jefferson Davis, is now the property of the organization with which he is connected, and said that after the present inmates had passed to their final reward it was the hope of the owners to erect on this site a splendid military school for the sons and grandsons of those who fought with such bravery and valor throughout the Civil war. Gen. Forrest also sketched briefly the work which the organization is doing in having partisan accounts of the Civil war eliminated from histories which are used as text books in schools and colleges, not only in the South, but throughout the entire country.

The following gentlemen have already joined the camp:

B. Matthews, Battle Bell, D. S. McClanahan, G. Y. Banks, Brooks McGowan, T. W. Harris, S. B. Street, Jr., W. P. Pope, R. E. Johnston, J. B. Williams, M. C. Vandiver, Jno. A. Lipsey, Jas. W. Lipscomb, Dabney L. Lipscomb, John A. Morton, C. L. Garnett, B. A. Lincoln, George O. Senter, V. B. Imes, R. M. Nickles, Seth A. Meek, W. W. Sharp, W. C. Meek, Davis Patty, Thos. J. Locke, Jr., W. V. Frierson, Jr., H. L. Whitfield, W. H. Carter, J. R. Randle, Earl Richards, C. B. Smith, T. M. Cummings, T. W. Lewis, W. P. Stripling, J. K. Egger, I. L. Kaufman, E. A. Stanley, J. T. Johnson, Oscar Locke, T. G. Munger, B. K. Sessums.

Notice to Sons of Veterans.

You are requested to meet Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the city hall for the purpose of completing the organization of Camp of Sons of Confederate Veterans. We extend an invitation to the Daughters of the Confederacy and to the Confederate Veterans to meet with us. All sons, all grandsons, and nephews of veterans are especially invited to join this camp.

B. A. LINCOLN, Com. Dabney Lipscomb, Acting Adj.